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SUBJ: EXTRADITION (MERVYN HAROLD CROSS)

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY OFFICER PLATTENKAMP OF AMSTERDAM POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT CASE. PLATTENKAMP PRODUCED LETTER DATED MARCH 21 FROM GRAUPNER (ATTORNEY REPRESENTING US AND FLORIDA) AND ADDRESSED TO AMSTERDAM POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF SEVERAL WITNESSES. INCLUDING AMSTERDAM POLICE OFFICERS, AT LONDON HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH US EXTRADITION REQUEST. GRAUPNER LETTER STATES THAT STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS OF UK LAW IN REGARD TO TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES OUTSIDE UK (REQUIRING AUTHENTICATION BY NETHS CABINET MINISTER) MAKE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES IN UK BEST POSSIBLE COURSE.

2. WHILE AMSTERDAM POLICE WILLING TO MAKE PERSONNEL (POLICE OFFICERS) AVAILABLE AS REQUESTED IN GRAUPNER LETTER, ADAM POLICE WOULD LIKE ASSURANCE ON FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

A. THAT THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF POLICE OFFICERS IN QUESTION (ARRESTING OFFICER, OFFICER WHO TOOK CROSS' STATEMENT, OFFICER WHO TOOK NEGATIVES FROM CROSS, AND OFFICER WHO PUT HIM ON

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FLIGHT TO LONDON) IS INDEED NECESSARY AT LONDON MAGISTRATE'S

COURT HEARING, AS WELL AS AT SUBSEQUENT FLORIDA TRIAL (ASSUMING CROSS IS EXTRADITED). GRAUPNER LETTER NOT SATISFACTORY ASSURANCE IN THIS REGARD SINCE LETTER IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT REQUEST, BUT RATHER REQUEST FROM PRIVATE LAW FIRM.

B. THAT PAYMENT OF ALL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH TRAVEL OF POLICE OFFICERS TO LONDON (AND FLORIDA, IF APPLICABLE) AS WELL AS ALL EXPENSES INDICENTAL TO THEIR TRAVEL (I.E. LODGING AND SUBSISTENCE) IS GUARANTEED.

PLATTENKAMP STATED THAT LETTER FROM EMBASSY THE HAGUE TO AMSTERDAM POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING ASSURANCE ON FOREGOING TWO POINTS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBASSY TO ISSUE LETTER TO AMSTERDAM POLICE DEPARTMENT GIVING USG ASSURANCES ON (A) AND (B) ABOVE.

4. MEANWHILE, WE SUGGEST GRAUPNER MAKE ARRANGMENTS TO WIRE NECESSARY AIR TICKETS THROUGH LKM OR BEA FOR PERSONS WHOSE PRESENCE BEING REQUESTED. TICKETS MAY BE SENT IN CARE OF EMBASSY THE HAGUE IF THIS WILL SIMPLIFY MATTERS. ALSO SUGGEST GRAUPNER MAKE NECESSARY HOTEL RESERVATIONS, AND WIRE ADVANCE SUBSISTENCE FUNDS THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AMSTERDAM, TO PERSONS WHO ARE TO APPEAR IN LONDON PROCEEDINGS. AGAIN, EMBASSY THE HAGUE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY IF OUR DOING SO WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE. SUGGEST LONDON PASS CONTENTS OF THIS PARA TO GRAUPNER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 3.
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